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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0006] on page 2, with the following amended paragraph:
-- 'Skipping' is a technique to improve query evaluation performance by including
synchronization points (skip entries) in a compressed inverted inverted list, to provide additional
locations at which decompressing can commence. Skipping allows a relevant portion of a
compressed list to be identified and decompressed, without decompressing the entire list.--